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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/909,896; Filed: July 23, 2001
For: **Methods and Systems for Digitally Processing Optical Data Signals**
Inventors: Agazzi *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.1100001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$300.00 to cover excess claims fee;
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$)
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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

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200 100

Multiple dependent claims

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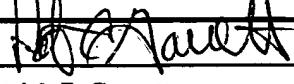
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